Cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice and add new claims 12 through 25 as

follows:

1   1.   (cancelled)

1   2.   (cancelled)

1   3.   (cancelled)

1   4.   (cancelled)

1   5.   (cancelled)

1   6.   (cancelled)

1   7.   (cancelled)

1   8.   (cancelled)

1   9.   (cancelled)

1   10.   (cancelled)

1   11.   (cancelled)

1   12.   (New)   Surgical apparatus comprising:

2   an elongated cannula including a plural number of lumens extending therein

3   between proximal and distal ends thereof;

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4   a retractor disposed within a lumen of the cannula to extend beyond the

5   distal end of the cannula for engaging a vessel in response to movement of the

6   retractor within the lumen; and

7   a surgical tool supported in a lumen of the elongated cannula and extending

8   beyond the distal end thereof for performing a surgical procedure on a tissue

9   structure engaged by the retractor.

1   13.   (New)   Surgical apparatus according to claim 12 in which the

2   surgical tool includes a cutting instrument for severing a portion of a tissue

3   structure engaged by the retractor.

1   14.   (New)   Surgical apparatus according to claim 12 in which the

2   retractor and the surgical tool are relatively movable near the distal end of the

3   cannula to facilitate severing a portion of a tissue structure engaged by the

4   retractor.

1   15.   (New)   Surgical apparatus according to claim 12 in which the

2   retractor includes at least one arm slidably disposed within said lumen of the

3   cannula that supports a cradle in lateral orientation with respect to the arm.

1   16.   (New)   Surgical apparatus according to claim 15 in which the

2   cradle includes a generally U-shaped segment laterally oriented with respect to the

3   arm.

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1   17.   (New)   Surgical apparatus according to claim 15 including a pair

2   of arms slidably disposed within lumens of the catheter and supporting the cradle

3   therebetween at distal ends of the pair of arms.

1   18.   (New)   Surgical apparatus according to claim 16 in which the

2   arm includes a distal portion thereof that is laterally flexible and resiliently biased

3   away from axial alignment with the elongated cannula.

1   19.   (New)   Surgical apparatus according to claim 18 in which the U-

2   shaped cradle includes a recess disposed to engage a vessel therein that is aligned

3   in the direction of the resilient bias for resiliently deflecting a vessel engaged

4   thereby away from axial alignment with the elongated cannula.

1   20.   (New)   Surgical apparatus according to claim 12 in which the

2   cannula includes an endoscopic lumen for slidably supporting an endoscope

3   therein to provide visualization of the retractors and surgical instrument beyond the

4   distal end of the cannula.

1   21.   (New)   A surgical procedure performed with an elongated

2   cannula including a retractor and a surgical tool disposed near a distal end of the

3   cannula, the procedure comprising the steps for:

4   positioning the distal end of the cannula near a tissue structure;

5   engaging the tissue structure with the retractor for selective manipulation

6   thereof; and

7   engaging the tissue structure with the surgical tool to alter the tissue

8   structure.

1   22.   (New)   The surgical procedure according to claim 20 in which

2   the retractor engages the tissue structure including a target vessel having a branch

3   vessel thereon; and

4   the surgical tool severs the branch vessel near the target vessel engaged by

5   the retractor.

1   23.   (New)   The surgical procedure according to claim 21 in which

2   the retractor resiliently urges the target vessel away from the surgical tool to

3   facilitate severing thereby of the branch vessel.

1   24.   (New)   The surgical procedure according to claim 21 in which

2   engaging the tissue structure with the retractor and engaging the tissue structure

3   with the surgical tool are performed under endoscopic visualization within a field

4   of view near the distal end of the cannula.

1   25.   (New)   The surgical procedure according to claim 21 in which

2   the retractor and surgical tool are selectively deployed from the distal end of the

3   cannula during the procedure to sever the branch vessel.